

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. **When is the filing period for the State Primary Election to be held on September 12, 2006?**
Wednesday, June 7 (8:00 a.m.) through Friday, June 16 (5:00 p.m.)
2. **Where do the candidates file?**

<p>The following candidates file with the Town or City Clerk's Office:</p> <p><i>State Representative</i> <i>Delegate to the Republican State Convention</i> (If someone wants to be a delegate to the democratic state convention, they need to call the Democratic State Headquarters at 225-6899)</p> <p>Note: Candidates can file during the clerk's normal business hours; however, the clerk must be available by statute on June 16th between 3p.m. and 5 p.m. for filings</p>	<p>The following candidates file with the Secretary of State:</p> <p><i>Governor</i> <i>(no election for United States Senator this year)</i> <i>Representative in Congress</i> <i>Executive Councilor</i> <i>State Senator</i> <i>County Officers</i> (Sheriff, County Attorney, Treasurer, Register of Deeds, Register of Probate, County Commissioner)</p>
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3. **What is the fee to file? What if I can't pay?** (Candidate's **must** pay the administrative assessment fee OR file primary petitions if they can't (or don't want to) pay.

	Fee	OR	Primary Petitions
Governor/United States Senator	\$100		200
Representative in Congress	\$50		100
Executive Council	\$25		50
State Senator	\$10		20
County Officer	\$10		50
State Representative	\$2		5
Delegate to Republican State Convention	0		0

4. **Do I have to file in person?** No. Filings may be made in person, by a representative, or by mail. **HOWEVER**, any candidate (except state representative or delegate) who files on the last day **MUST** file in person. If candidate plans to mail the filing, make sure the Secretary of State's Office receives it by Thursday (15th). If the office receives it through the mail on Friday the 16th, **it will not be accepted**.
5. **Where do I get the forms to file?** Forms for all offices are available from the Secretary of State through the mail or by going to their office. State Representative and Delegate forms are available from the Town or City Clerk's Office. The declarations of candidacy are **not** available on the Secretary of State's website.
6. **What are the qualifications to run for office?** You must be a registered Republican or Democrat to be a candidate in the state primary election. The last day to change your party affiliation if you wish to be a candidate in the state primary is June 6th. The supervisors of the checklist in your community are required to meet between 7-7:30 p.m. on June 6 to accept these changes and/or register new voters. See over to view the qualifications for each office. Candidates for county office must also be aware of possible further qualifications set forth in the statutes
7. **Can candidates withdraw their filing?** Withdrawals can be accepted in the Secretary of State's Office by the candidate **in person** (except for state representative) no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 16.
8. **Can filings be faxed?** NO

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FILING FOR OFFICE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHERE TO FILE DECLARATIONS OF CANDIDACY

(This is what to file if you are a REPUBLICAN or DEMOCRATIC candidate in the State Primary Election)

Candidates for Governor, United States Representative (Congress), Executive Councilor, State Senator and County Officers must file with the SECRETARY OF STATE, State House, Room 204, Concord NH (Office hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Office is open until 5:00 p.m. on last day of filing period June 16th)

Candidates for State Representative and Delegate to the Republican State Convention must file with the Town or City Clerk in the town/city in which they live during normal business hours. Also, the clerks are required by statute to be available for filings between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on the last day of the filing period (June 16)

FILING ON THE LAST DAY

Any person filing a Declaration of Candidacy with the Secretary of State on the **last day** of the filing period (June 16, 2006 5:00 p.m.) must do so **IN PERSON**.

WHERE TO FILE DECLARATIONS OF INTENT

(This is what you file if you are running in the general election from a political organization other than Republican or Democratic)

Candidates for **ALL** offices must file Declarations of Intent with the SECRETARY OF STATE

FILING ON THE LAST DAY

Any person filing a Declaration of Intent on the **last day** of the filing period (June 16) must do so **IN PERSON** with the Secretary of State.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE

GOVERNOR – Must be 30 years of age, a registered voter and have been domiciled in New Hampshire for at least 7 years.

UNITED STATES SENATOR – Must be 30 years of age, a registered voter in New Hampshire and a United States Citizen for at least 9 years.

UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE – Must be 25 years of age and a United States Citizen for at least 7 years. Candidate does not have to live in same district they are a candidate for; however, they must be domiciled and a registered voter in New Hampshire

EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR – Must be 30 years of age, a registered voter and domiciled in New Hampshire for at least 7 years. Must live in council district they are a candidate for.

STATE SENATOR – Must be 30 years of age, a registered voter and domiciled in New Hampshire for at least 7 years. Must live in senate district they are a candidate for.

STATE REPRESENTATIVE – Must be 18 years of age, a registered voter and domiciled in New Hampshire for at least 2 years. Must live in town or ward they are a candidate for.

COUNTY OFFICER – Must be 18 years of age and a registered voter in the county where you are domiciled. Must also be aware of other provisions of law regarding qualifications for particular county offices.